

## HENRY BAIRD AND ELIZABETH ANN RASBAND BAIRD

Henry Baird, son of Robert and Jane Cummings Baird, was born in Heber City, Utah,

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18 October 1869. He attended schools in Heber and went to the Brigham Young Academy at Provo, Utah, for three years from 1893 to 1896.

He was only 16 when his father died, yet at this early age he knew the range well and spent his summers herding cattle. He loved the great outdoors. During his early life while out on the range a horse stepped on his foot breaking it, he couldn't get it set so it healed crooked, leaving him with a crippled foot.

Elizabeth Ann Rasband, daughter of William Giles and Maria Ann Carlile Rasband, was born in Heber City, Utah, July 9, 1881. When she was five years of age, she and other children were watching her uncle build a rabbit pen, a nail glanced and hit her in the eye. She lost the sight of her left eye. She attended school in "Old Sleepy Hollow" and the upper school houses. She finished the fifth reader, which was the highest class taught and was equal to the eighth grade.

As a girl she would rather work in the fields with her father than do house work, however, she did her share of house work. On each wash day she had to stay out of school and scrub the clothes on a wash board in one tub, then hand them to her mother at another tub for the second scrubbing. After her school days were over, until the time of her marriage she hired out to various homes, especially during the time while a mother was in bed with a new baby. The wages were meager, she has worked for as little as 50 cents a week.

At a dance one evening all the girls took an apron, a drawing was held and the fellow who drew her apron was her partner for the evening. Henry Baird drew Lizzie's apron and they spent the next two years keeping each others company and were married 26 May 1904 at her home in Heber City, by her uncle Joseph A. Rasband. The wedding took

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place at 4 p.m. with a reception following. Everyone that attended the wedding was served a chicken dinner.

They made their home one mile south of town on the Baird homestead. During the years that followed eight children arrived to bless their home, each one arriving with a "mop" of thick black hair. In fact the amount of hair was in such an excess which other babies have, they were known throughout the town as "Baird's black haired babies." Alwin Don, May, Inez, George R., Lois, Kathryn, Ida and Alta were the names given to these little ones.

From 1913 to 1916 Henry and Elizabeth homesteaded in Metropolis, Nevada, but the crops failed and they returned to Heber.

Henry loved to dance, he loved the Schottish and quadrils, he was an excellent caller for square dancing—he spoke loud and distinctly.

During the summer Henry was a water-master and cared for the irrigation water, keeping the rubbish out of the canal and seeing that each farmer had his right amount of water for the specified length of time. This he did diligently, spending many, many hours walking the canal. He had a grain binder and during harvest time he was very much in demand, as he took particular care in cutting the grain, especially when it was heavy and laying down. Yet after a long days work he was never in such a hurry that he hurried his horses home. They took their time.

It wasn't until 1923 that the electrical power was brought out to the Baird home and taken on out to Daniels and around to Center Creek. Henry was one of the promoters of this project and he spent a lot of time in the canyons getting out the poles to carry the lines.

Late in September 1936 at the age of 67 he suffered a stroke, he was able to move about on crutches a little. Then again on January 9, 1937, he suffered another severe stroke, he lay paralyzed until Jan. 14, 1937 when he died. He was buried in the Heber City Cemetery.

After Henry's death Elizabeth spent a lot of her time visiting with the older people of the community. She loved to piece quilts and spent many hours quilting. She found a lot of joy in her grandchildren and always kept a jar of cookies and candy, she delighted in serving the little ones.

Elizabeth was ill for nearly a year, with

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a bad heart, but she continued to be active. She was visiting her daughter Ida in Springville and the morning of February 22, 1956 death came to her during her sleep. She was laid to rest beside her husband in the Heber City cemetery.

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Homestead  
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**Correction Made In  
Light & Power Listing**

In last week's Wave in the new schedule of light and power rates of the Heber Light and Power Plant an error was made in the listing.

The correct rate listing should have read as follows:

3.5c per kwh first 60 kwh.  
2.5c per kwh next 140 kwh.  
1.5c per kwh all additional kwh, except 0.9c per kwh next 500 kwh in excess of 200 kwh when a controlled storage type water heater conforming to the Company's specification is installed and in regular use.

Where connected load of cooking, heating and motor operated equipment exceeds 15 kw there will be an additional charge of \$1.00 per kw for such excess.

Minimum charge: \$0.75.

**OWEN BUELL ACCEPTS  
MISSION CALL**

Owen Buell has accepted a call to fill a mission for the L.D.S. Church in the Texas-Louisiana Mission. He will enter the Mission Home March 6th. Mr. and Mrs. Squire Simpson entertained a group of friends in his honor, Saturday evening. Games were played and a delicious luncheon was served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson are vacationing in Arizona.

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# Wasatch Wave

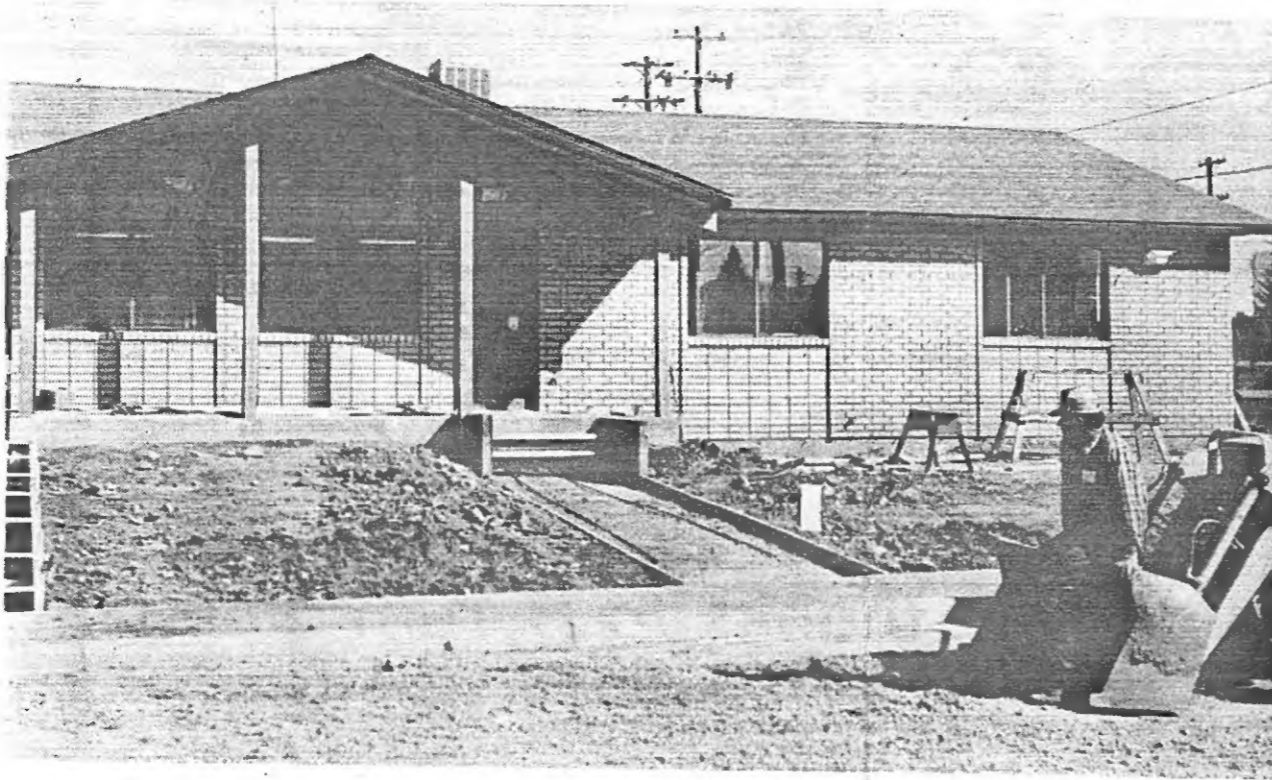
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Ray Farrell inspects progress on the new Heber Light and Power office.

## Heber Light & Power to move to new location

By Blair Feulner

Located at 36 South and 1st West, the Heber Light and Power Company's building will be open for business.

city was crowded...so somebody had to move," he told the Wave Monday.

The manager of the municipally owned power company also stated that, even though the building will cost about \$84,500, residential power

The main contractor is Heber Valley Builders. All the interior cabinets were designed and built by Heber Cabinets.

One of the new features of the office will be a drive-up window.

## WASATCH REPORT

### Clerk/Recorder office split

The Wasatch County Commission voted in a special meeting Monday to split the office of County Clerk/Auditor/Recorder into two separate offices.

Commission Chairman Raymond Jiacoletti, explained that the office was split into a Clerk/Auditor office and a Recorder's office for several reasons. "The work load and the expertise needed for the combined office were becoming too much for one office," he said. Commissioner Jiacoletti also said the county would soon have an assessed valuation of \$20-million and at that point, the state requires separation of the clerk and recorder posts.

The commission took the action at this time because the law requires publication of the action three months prior to the creation of the post is actually created and filled.

In making the decision, the Commission also voted to make the newly created position an appointive, rather than an elective post.

Commissioner Clyde Broadbent said that the appointment would probably not be made before January 1st, so the newly elected clerk and the new recorder can take office at the same time.

## Sewer meeting

In a special meeting Monday night, the Heber Valley Special Service District Board approved a contract with Horrocks and Associates engineering firm for the consultation and engineering of Phase II for the Heber Valley sewage treatment facility.

Phase II will entail the preparation of plans and contract specifications and the acquisition of land for a plant site. The estimated cost of the specification and plans is \$416,340. This is considerably lower than the \$495,140 estimated for the second phase of the mechanical treatment plant contemplated earlier by the board.

The board also authorized the chairman to send the Phase II proposal to the State of Utah for review and approval.

## 4-H winner

A Wasatch County 4-H'er has won top state honors in entomology, it was announced recently at the state 4-H contests held at Utah State University in Logan.

Michelle Probst is now eligible to compete for a national scholarship.